including those from DoS while finalizing their recommendations which are awaited.

Issue of statements through post offices to senior citizens

2898. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the senior citizens who have opened their accounts under Senior Citizen Saving Schemes have to wait for hours together in a long queue for their statements making their life miserable and tiresome on due dates;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to issue such statements through the various post offices desired by them; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) There is no provision of issue of statements under Senior Citizen Savings Schemes— 2005 in the Post Offices. However, the depositor has the option to get the quarterly interest credited to his/her savings account in the same post office in which case entries are required to be done in the passbook only once in a year.

Conversion of postal department into commercial department

†2899. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to establish the postal department commercially;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) the role of Government officials in such move and Government's view in this regard; and

(d) the steps taken by Government so that postal department can cash maximum income alongwith fulfilling the social responsibilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir. The Government is not considering to establish postal department commercially.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.